

A LARGE CROWD.

St Patrick's Entertainment at Academy Hall a Grand Success.

The entertainment and concert given at Academy Hall last Tuesday evening by the societies of St. Francis de Sales church, was one of the most successful ever held. About 1000 people were in attendance, the hall being filled to its utmost capacity.

The decorations of the hall were unusually artistic, the stage being trimmed with green and gold, which, with the brilliant lighting, produced a beautiful effect.

The program was excellently rendered, each number being received with great applause, and each participant responded to encores. The Impett Sextette of Troy, composed of Miss Isabel Ten Eyck, Miss Georgine Theo Avery, Thomas Impett, J. Allen Van Wie, Miss Clara E. Morse, accompanist, and Miss Lena M. Eggers, reader, were at their best, as were also our home people, Mrs. D. A. Healy, Miss Ella Murtha, W. D. Forbes and Robert E. Healy. Mrs. George W. Keesman accompanied the latter in her usual pleasing manner.

WOODFORD

Wm Knapp and wife were in Ferrisville Sunday.

Elmer Gleason is visiting in Orange and Athol, Mass.

Amos Aldrich is able to go out doors pleasant days.

Mrs Fred Bowles and several others are ill with neuralgia.

Edward L. Stone and others of Bennington were in town Sunday.

Why not save \$1.00 by getting your dog registered before April 1.

There are symptoms that the gold fever will run high pretty soon!

Miss Grace Knipflin has been visiting for several days in Bennington.

Misses Lena Bowles and Mary Malory were in Hoosick Falls last week.

The festival in Good Templars' hall was an enjoyable affair. The receipts were about \$14.

Mrs Chas Harbour of Bennington recently enjoyed a day with her sister, Mrs Henry E. Burgess.

Mrs Julia D. Buckley was a guest over Sunday of James Griffin, her grandson of Sunderland.

The selectmen have appointed S. E. Gleason, Chas F. Wood, and James Higgins license commissioners.

The venerables Geo W. Bickford and Nathan Niles have been ailing with grip and hard colds. They are much better.

Several from the place will attend the graphophone entertainment in Foresters' hall, Bennington, Thursday evening. Griswold, the music and "sporting" man, is a very genial fellow to meet anyhow! And "Uncle Cal!" Oh, my!

Although Geo W. Bahan, formerly of Bennington, now one of the principals of the Minneapolis, Minn., detective and police force, is one of the most genial and pleasant gentlemen to meet in every day life, he was the leading official to unearth the worst gang of burglars recently that ever infested the "twin city." Thousands of dollars worth of stolen property was found and the thieves promptly taken into custody. Mr Bahan will visit his old home and friends in Bennington next summer and also take in the Woodford mountains.

HOOSICK

Dr J. K. Haynes is able to be out. Clarence Brown is in Chicago, Ill.

Robins have made their appearance. The highways are in a deplorable condition.

Chas Ratson will move to Petersburg April 1.

Robt Cummings of Greenfield was in town Friday.

Wm L. Baeus of North Adams was in town Friday, the 13th.

Geo Rudd expects to move into the Loney tenement April 1.

Mrs John Davis of White Creek is visiting at the Misses Crandall's.

Arthur Brown has gone to the gold region with Mr Hamshaw. Mr Davis of White Creek has also gone.

C. K. Potter and wife have a little daughter to brighten their home.

Wm Haswell is moving to the Sylvesters' farm which he has leased.

Some of the merchandise of the Hildcomb stock was sold at auction the 14th inst.

Cebra Quackenbush and wife, who have been in Italy during the winter, will sail for New York the 21st.

The residences of L. G. C. Tibbets, M. T. Reynolds, Cebra Quackenbush, the rectory and the Hoosick school are to be wired for electric lighting.

Wm Brant, Jr., and wife, who were married the 11th at All Saints church, by Rev E. D. Tibbets, are in Connecticut for a week among relatives.

Dangers of Pneumonia.

A cold at this time if neglected is liable to cause pneumonia which is so often fatal, and even when the patient has recovered the lungs are weakened, making them peculiarly susceptible to the development of consumption. Foley's Honey and Tar will stop the cough, heal and strengthen the lungs and prevent pneumonia. Quinlan's Pharmacy.

YOUNG MENS ASSOCIATION

New Board of Officers was Elected Monday.

BUSINESS OF PAST YEAR

Plans Looking Toward a Consolidation With the Young Men's Christian Association in the Near Future.

The annual meeting of the Young Men's Association was held in Library hall Monday afternoon, the polls for election of officers being kept open from one until five o'clock. There was but one ticket in the field and voting was slow.

The reports of the various officers show that the association is in better condition financially than for some years. The debts at the end of the year amount to less than \$100, with funds enough on hand to pay them. The assets available if necessary, including the amount voted at the last town meeting, are \$700. The total receipts of the association were \$3000. Of this amount \$1050 was in subscriptions, and of this Governor McCullough and F. B. Jennings each gave \$115.

The report of the secretary shows that there are now on the library shelves over 600 volumes. During the year an encyclopedia was added to the works. The library has been well patronized, both in the taking out of books and in consulting them in the reading room.

At the meeting held these officers were elected for the year: A. J. Holden, president; Dr L. L. Fillmore, vice president; H. H. Webster, recording secretary; A. Z. Cortler, corresponding secretary; Dr L. H. Ross, treasurer. The trustees are Arthur E. Hollister, A. J. Dewey, Collins M. Graves, H. L. Norton, M. R. Swift, Geo M. Hawks.

READSBORO

All the ice below the boom went out the Newton pond Sunday.

The large plate glass for Goodell's store arrived last Saturday and was set this week.

Rev C. C. Cahoe and wife returned Saturday from a month's trip to Rutland and vicinity.

Verne Thayer left Monday for Bridgewater to work for W. C. Davis in his gold mine there.

Mort Pratt, who is working in Orange, is under treatment at the Massachusetts General hospital, Boston, for rheumatism.

Readsboro Chair Co. have purchased the Otis Lord farm and have turned over to Mr Lord the D. D. Atherton place near the blacksmith shop.

Graham's Specialty Co. played to a fair house at Music hall Monday night. The program was an entire change from when they were seen here the first of the year.

Earl Goodell, who had the misfortune to run a rusty nail into his foot last Thursday and has been in North Adams under doctor's care, is much better at this writing and expects to return home this week.

The selectmen met last Friday and appointed for license commissioners, T. D. Goodell, for term of two years; J. S. Faulkner, for term of four years; John F. Carrier, for term of six years. The appointments give general satisfaction.

We understand the H. T. & W. R. R. Co. contemplate making extensive changes this spring. The old sawmill property will be transformed into a round house and turntable, and the car shed is to be moved near the ledge and made over into a large tenement house.

A special train will run Friday, the 20th, for all who wish to see the "County Fair" at the Richmond theatre, North Adams. The fare for round trip is 70 cents. Tickets for theatre can be secured of E. J. Ballock. Train leaves Readsboro at 6:45 p. m., returning leaving North Adams at 11:30 p. m. sharp.

NORTH WHITE CREEK.

Mrs Isiah Bentley sold two pullets a few weeks ago for ten dollars apiece.

Miss Rice and her scholars gave an entertainment last Friday evening consisting of speaking and music, followed by refreshments. All reported a good time.

Tragedy Averted

"Just in the nick of time our little boy was saved" writes Mrs W. Watkins of Pleasant City, Ohio. "Pneumonia had played havoc with him and a terrible cough set in besides. Doctors treated him but he grew worse every day. At length we tried Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and our darling was saved. He's now sound and well." Everybody ought to know it's the only sure cure for Coughs, Colds and all Lung diseases. Guaranteed by O. E. Gibson, drug gist. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

CORDELIA RUGGLES PAGE.

Death of Woman of Distinguished Ancestry and Former Resident of Bennington.

Two weeks ago the Banner and Reformer printed a brief mention of the death at Williamstown of the late Cordelia Ruggles Page. The following extended obituary was contributed by a member of the family:

Cordelia Ruggles Page, widow of the late Moses Page of Bennington, Mass., on March 3. Her death removes one who was in every respect a gentlewoman of the early New England type. From a brave and distinguished ancestry she inherited rare qualities of mind and heart. Intolerant of ostentation, uncompaining, patient and contented to a remarkable degree, she evinced great courage and fortitude in severe trials and always charmed those whom she met by her refinement and sweetness of temper and manner.

Mrs Page was born in Barre, Mass., May 25, 1812, and was at her death nearly 91 years of age. She was the daughter of Major Gardner Ruggles, who held many prominent positions in Worcester county and rendered valuable services both civil and military to Massachusetts, his native state. Her ancestors, both paternal and maternal, were noted for their great longevity, some of them having attained to the age of 95 and even 100 years.

This longevity doubtless made possible the genealogy of the Ruggles family covering a period of 800 years and showing the generation to which Mrs Page belonged to be the twenty-seventh in direct descent from the early Kings of France. The Ruggles Coat-of-Arms still extant, indicates the achievements of a Ruggles in the 4th Crusade, and also a Ruggles in sympathy with the House of Lancaster and doing valiant service in the War of the Roses.

Her maternal grandfather, Capt Zenas Phinney, served for a time as a soldier in the Revolutionary war under the immediate command of General Washington. Sickness, misfortune and privation were his lot on land and sea. He was twice shipwrecked and twice taken prisoner of war by the British, who treated him with great severity. Once he was put ashore on the coast of Spain, sick and exhausted. These are only a few of the almost incredible hardships which he endured. Later as commander of his ship he made several successful voyages to England, France, Spain, Portugal and the West Indies. He died in the 90th year of his age.

Of Mrs Page's three brothers, Gen'l Daniel Ruggles, a graduate at West Point, and a veteran of three wars, died in Virginia, greatly beloved, about six years ago, aged 88 years of age. Another, Capt Wm P. Ruggles of Wisconsin, lived to the age of 92. The youngest brother, the last of eight children still lives in Chicago in his 80th year. The late Miss Lucy S. Ruggles a prominent teacher at the South for many years, before and during the civil war, and two other sisters of Mrs Page died at about the age of 80 years.

Mrs Page was twice married. Her husbands were half-brothers. The first, Dr Asa Page, was a physician and druggist in Troy. The second was a merchant in Troy and afterward removed to Bennington, Vt. There his remains and hers now rest in the family lot in the Bennington Center cemetery. Mr and Mrs Page were members of the Episcopal church, having been baptized by the Rev Dr Manser, for many years the rector of St Peter's church, and confirmed by Bishop Hopkins. The name of Mr Page, who died in 1872, appears on the records as vestryman, warden, collector and treasurer of St Peter's parish for a long time.

At the burial service on March 5, the Rev J. Franklin Carter of Williamstown, and the Rev Phillip Schuyler of Bennington officiated. Of their six children, three survive, a son, now living in Marshall, Minn., and two daughters in Williamstown.

WEST RUPERT.

Very nice spring-like weather so far this month; snow all gone and roads getting settled.

No maple sugar made as yet and but few have tapped.

W. Wheeler, our popular mail carrier for the last seven years, has moved to Whitehall.

Herbert Saunders has hired out to Fred Hawley for the season and commenced work last week.

Frank Borden and Frank Sheldon have each lost a valuable cow, both by accident. No foot and mouth disease in town.

Miss Helen Trumble and Mr and Mrs C. C. Moore are visiting in Shushan this week.

C. C. Moore has sold his dog (the largest dog in town) to Mr Hastings, the restaurant man of Salem, N. Y.

FILLMORE PRESIDENT

Many Contests in Tuesday's Village Election.

KELSO REELECTED CLERK

Stewart Again Chosen Street Commissioner—Battles Defeated Stratton in the Sixth Ward.

The annual village meeting was held Tuesday. With four tickets in the field and several lively contests, a fairly large vote was cast; 855 votes being polled, out of which 542 were splits.

The polls were opened at 9 and closed at 2. The statement in the report of the auditors showing an increase in the village debt of over \$2,500 brought out some discussion though it was shown that it was caused by the purchase of equipment for the fire department, although there were no funds voted for their payment and the expense was contrary to the village by-laws.

The business meeting began at 1 p. m., and was full of hot argument on all sorts of questions. The usual sum of \$600 was voted the fire department; the band was voted \$200 for open air concerts, and provided it also turn out on Memorial day and firemen's inspection day. One hundred dollars was voted the village improvement society; the village clerk will receive \$200 for his services the coming year. A tax of 60 cents on the dollar for current expenses and to pay debts, was voted. The taxes are to be placed in the hands of the treasurer July first for collection.

The matter of additional sewers, hydrants and are lights was left to the discretion of the trustees.

The auditors report showed a floating indebtedness of \$11,043. It was voted to refund this amount by paying the \$43 in cash, and for the balance to issue three orders of \$3,000 each, and one of \$2,000 payable on demand at the lowest rate of interest possible.

There was considerable discussion about the relative value of crushed hard heads, or other kinds of stone for use on the village street which was heard by a small per centage of voters. The continuation of the use of hardheads was directed.

On account of the number of splits the work of counting was slow. The result showed that the slaughter of the Republican ticket at the town election had been continued in the village contest but to a lesser degree. The successful candidates are:

President, Dr L. L. Fillmore, fusion. Clerk, John H. Kelso, republican, (his 19th consecutive election.)

Treasurer, C. H. Dewey, fusion and republican.

Collector, Fred E. Tift, fusion.

Street commissioner, M. W. Stewart, fusion.

Corporation attorney, C. A. Maurer fusion.

Auditors, Richard Hurley, fusion; H. D. Fillmore, fusion; J. H. Habberly, republican.

Trustees:

Ward one, David Murray, fusion.

Ward two, J. H. Livingston, fusion.

Ward three, Ward L. Lyons, fusion.

Ward four, E. W. Lobergan, republican and fusion.

Ward five, Wm L. Gokay, republican and fusion.

Ward six, F. E. Battles, republican.

Ward seven, W. A. Peart, republican and fusion.

Water commissioners, ward two, John H. Leahy, fusion; ward four, Eli J. Tiffany, republican and fusion.

The vote received by each candidate was as follows:

President John S. Brant, 294

Clerk Daniel A. Ward, 811

Treasurer Daniel A. Ward, 811

Collector Fred E. Tift, 792

Street Commissioner M. W. Stewart, 437

Corporation Attorney C. A. Maurer, 422

Auditors Richard Hurley, 386

Trustees Ward 1, D. Murray, 166

Ward 2, J. H. Livingston, 110

Ward 3, Ward L. Lyons, 170

Ward 4, E. W. Lobergan, 284

Ward 5, Wm L. Gokay, 747

Ward 6, F. E. Battles, 390

Ward 7, W. A. Peart, 747

Water Commissioners Ward 2, John Leahy, 490

Ward 4, Eli J. Tiffany, 715

SCHOOL MEETING.

Annual Meeting and Election Will Take Place Tuesday, March 31.

The warning for the annual school meeting of the graded school district has been issued and is as follows:

Annual School Meeting.

The legal voters of Bennington Graded School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at Graded School Hall in said District on Tuesday, March 31st, 1903, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, to transact the following business:

1st. To choose a moderator for the ensuing year.

2nd. To hear the report of the Auditors, Trustees and other officers of said District, and to take action thereon.

3rd. To see what tax said District will vote on the Grand List of said District to defray the expenses of its schools, and to pay the present debt of said District, and determine the time when such tax shall be collected and paid to its Treasurer.

4th. To see if said District will vote to collect its taxes under the provisions of chapter 30 of the Vermont Statutes, and amendments thereof.

5th. To elect a Clerk, a Treasurer, a Collector of Taxes, one or three Auditors of said District, and to fill all vacancies in the Board of Trustees of said District, caused by expiration of term of office, resignation, death, removal from said District or otherwise.

6th. To transact any other business found necessary when met.

ERNEST D. HARRIS, Clerk. Bennington, Vt., March 16, 1903. SW2

OFFICE OF BANNER AND REFORMER NOW LOCATED 425 MAIN STREET NORTON'S BUILDING BENNINGTON, VT.

SHAFTSBURY CENTER.

Mrs Byron Carey is quite ill.

Clarence Wait moves to North Bennington this week.

Louis Cornell and wife visited in Rock City Falls last week.

Mrs Lorina Elwell, who has been ill with pneumonia, is improving.

Mrs S. D. Munroe returned Saturday from an extended visit in Orange.

Burt Bottom, who has been seriously ill several weeks, is slowly recovering.

Mrs Wm Harrington visited her daughter, Mrs R. H. Bottom, last Friday.

Miss Anna Bronson entertained her cousin, L. E. Hewes, of Wipahall recently.

R. H. Bottom and wife were at M. J. Harrington's, North Bennington, Sunday evening.

Miss Agnes Whipple of South Shaftsbury passed Sunday at L. N. Harrington's.

About \$30 was made at the musicale at Mrs H. A. Hulet's last Friday night. A very enjoyable time was reported by all.

Mrs H. Dyer was here last week caring for her mother, Mrs Lorina Elwell, Mrs Ella Remington of Bennington is caring for her this week.

A musicale will be given at the home of Mrs John Stevens on Friday evening, March 27, commencing at 8 o'clock. Supper will be served. A Klondike Hunt will be one of the features of the evening. The proceeds are for our pastor. All are very cordially invited to attend. If stormy, the next clear night.

The musicale at Mrs H. A. Hulet's Friday evening proved a success both financially and socially. The musical program was enjoyed by all. Mr Randall's instrumental pieces were beautifully rendered. Miss Cushman's vocal selections which showed talent and training, were much appreciated and her sweet voice and pleasing manners charmed the audience. Miss Ina Harrington recited, "The Wreck of the Hesperia" which showed her oratorical abilities, and Miss Alice Young's droll little reading, "He tried to tell his wife," caused much laughter. During supper B. R. Hulet entertained with the graphophone. He wants to thank all who helped make this a success and our friends will be pleased to learn that we were able to present to our pastor, Rev I. M. Compton, \$30.45.

DORSET

Oscar Dodge and wife are at Geo Kello, 7's.

Mr and Mrs Cadoret and family are living in the Morris tenement.

Norcross and West are putting on a large addition to their boarding house near the marble quarries.

Mrs W. H. Grinnel returned to Danby last week, after spending some time with her parents, Robert Bromley and wife, here.

Our pastor, Rev C. S. Carhart, is giving his congregations excellent Lenten sermons. His theme last Sunday morning was "The Cross, the Hope of the Penitent."

Work on the railroad progresses rapidly, going on Sundays as well as week days. Last Sunday a large gang was at work laying the ties at the South Dorset crossing.

Notice

Whereas my wife, Rose Gavin, has left my bed and board without just cause or provocation, I hereby forbid all persons harboring or trading her on my account as I shall pay no bills of her contracting after this date.

Walter Gavin, Bennington, Vt., March 18, 1903. SW3

READY TO DO BUSINESS

License Commission Has Completed Organization.

DR. H. C. DAY CHAIRMAN

Board Now Ready to Receive Applications—All Must be in On or Before Friday, March 27.

Bennington's board of license commissioners met Tuesday and elected Dr H. C. Day chairman, and under the law he is also clerk. All three qualified by taking oath of office and R. S. Drysdale has forwarded to Gov McCullough his resignation as a justice of the peace.

The board considered the price of licenses but did not take any action pending an investigation by Hon O. M. Barber, attorney for the town, relative to the question whether the same person can have licenses of more than one class.

It was voted to require the license fee to be paid in advance by certified check on one of the Bennington banks. It was also ordered that each application must be accompanied by the sum of \$8 to pay for advertising in two papers printed in the county, as required by law, and to pay for posting notices.

Each member of the board is prepared to receive applications for licenses up to and including Friday, March 27, after which time they will be advertised and acted on according to law.

It is probable that the local hotels will be granted licenses, which will limit the number of saloons. There are also requests for one or more licenses at North Bennington.

The price of druggists licenses was fixed at \$10.

As to the bonds required of those who get licenses the American Fidelity Company of Montpelier, advertised in this paper and of which Charles N. Powers is agent, will be accepted as surety by the board and has announced its willingness to issue bonds of this character.

No license will be granted to be exercised in a dwelling house nor in a room or shop having any interior connection or means of communication with a dwelling or tenement of any family. Business in any saloon must be transacted in the front, visible from the street.

Several applications for license are in the hands of the board, but it is not probable that there will be the number of applications that was anticipated several weeks ago.

Miss Sarah H. Houlihan spent Sunday with her parents in Cohoes.

Miss J. O'Donnell is in New York selecting her spring stock of millinery.

Thomas Hoxie Hall of Pownal was among the visitors to the village Monday.

H. Harry Levin is in New York buying spring goods. He will return the latter part of this week.

Frank Hurley and family will occupy the upper tenement in the Gibson house on Grand View-st April 1.

Henry Marsh of New York is visiting his parents, Mr and Mrs Henry Marsh. He has been seriously ill for several weeks, and is accompanied by a friend.

Mrs C. H. Willard was called to Springfield, Mass., Friday, by the illness of her mother. She was so much improved Monday that Mrs Willard returned home in the afternoon.

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